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Col. Dudley, the man who gained notoriety by purchasing the electoral vote of Indiana in 1880 and again in 1888, has been snubbed by the man who occupies the presidential chair, which was secured for him by the fraudulent acts of that notorious campaign boodler. He was accused of saying that the president "had lost all his backbone and is too cowardly to be consulting with me." He denies the above and says he wrote to a friend as follows: "I am afraid you over estimate my influence. Perhaps there is no one in the country who has done as much for Gen. Harrison in the last twenty years as I have; but because our democratic friends down in Indianapolis have started the hue and cry on me, Bro. Ben does not seem to recognize me as an acquaintance, and consequently I don't take dinner at the White House as might be expected. I have not been in the White House since Cleveland's inauguration, a little over four years ago." Judging from the above one would naturally conclude that Col. Dudley feels that the president is too ungrateful, and if he could recall the past he would pursue a different course.

How much is a man indicated when he goes free from an indictment returned against him in court? This question is suggested by the result of the trials at Indianapolis for frauds upon the ballot at last November election. More than 140 indictments were returned by the grand jury, and what was the result? Not a man convicted. Three-fourths of them went free under rulings of the court that the indictments were insufficient; the others were tried and acquitted. And yet the fact of corruption in Indiana at the fall election was notorious, known and read of all men who were about the polls in any of the cities of the State, and in very many of the rural communities. The result of these trials is a National scandal.

The one hundredth anniversary after to the inauguration of president Washington was celebrated of bitter York during the week in thirty style. Representatives from I was ke of the Union were present onds long military companies, clubs was; other organizations. The board parade was 13 miles long. the President Harrison and many of the dignitaries of the world were present. The enthusiasm was unbounded. This is a grand old country, and don't you let it slip your memory.

In this issue will be found the announcement of the candidacy of T. J. Ballard for the Senate to represent this Senatorial district in the upper House of the next General Assembly of Kentucky. Mr. Ballard is a well qualified man, possessed of the proper attainments to assure us that he will make a faithful member. He is a true democrat and will, if elected, make a record that will be an honor to himself and his constituents. Here's to you, old boy.

The new city of Guthrie, Oklahoma, had its first birth two or three days ago, and Sunday had its first death from natural causes. The unfortunate was an artist for Hager's weekly.

We do not wish our readers to understand that we are disgusted with our town, but some of the drunken "sots" who infest it almost every night, and the hellish acts of toughs that come here on Saturdays and "take the town," as it were, and raise "cane" generally. Our town is one of business and enterprise and some as good people live in its limits as do any where. It only needs city or country officers to enforce the law. Our town is now on the eve of booming, and the first steps taken should be to enforce the law. Often toughs come and defy our officers and in some instances take the town. This could be stopped by summoning help in such cases. There are plenty law-loving people who would lend their aid and only a few "lock-ups" would put an end to such heathen acts.

Ex-Chaplain Cuddy, of the Arizona Legislature, has sent \$22.50 to the conscience fund in Washington. He says he does not consider his prayers during his term of office worth the money he received. A minister of the gospel should have more faith in prayer than this. If prayer for a respectable Legislative body, is worth nothing; no one will deny that the Chaplain of Indiana's last law-makers, should be well paid.

A terrible railroad accident occurred near Hamilton, Ontario, Sunday morning. The St. Louis express jumped the track as it was passing a "Y" and plunging into a water tank, piling coaches on each other until seven were completely demolished. Seventeen persons were killed outright and wounded as many more.

Liberty is to have a democratic newspaper. Mr. Douglas, an experienced man in the business, has succeeded in getting up sufficient stock to run it and it will be started soon. The enterprise is backed by Messrs. J. Boyle Stone, John W. Whipp, George Stone, G. A. Prewitt and democrats of that standing kind.

The Signal Service will hereafter predict the weather for two or three days ahead. As they have been singularly incorrect of late in foretelling the weather for twenty-four hours ahead, it is difficult to see what is to be gained by the new arrangement.

The chief feature of the centennial ball at New York last Monday night was the ovation to Mrs. Grover Cleveland when she appeared upon the stage. She attracted more attention than any one at the ball, and she isn't one of the exclusive "Four Hundred" either.

The Somerset Republican proposes to educate Pulaski's teachers in civil government, the new adopted study, through its columns. This should have been taught the voters of that county long since; judging from the Interior Journal's last issue.

E. C. Walton, who is visiting scenes of his childhood in Va. is writing some very interesting letters to his paper, the Interior Journal. His description of a visit to the old home-stead and the graves of his parents, certainly reaches the hearts of all.

There were only ten full-fledged States when George Washington was elected. Three of the colonies held back for a time. To-day there are forty-two States with a prospect of several more by 1892.

It is suggested that clothing from the Wanamaker house in Philadelphia can be quite safely sent by mail. Post masters will not be suspected of "pernicious activity" if they gather up orders.

The Greenbrier Mountains, near White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., are on fire, millions of feet of valuable timber have been destroyed and the flames are said to be beyond control.

Mr. Harrison is not ill. He was born pale. Dr. Life Halford knows the state of Mr. Harrison's health perfectly.

When Mr. Chauncey Depew tried to awe a free American citizen in the crowd at New York Monday by telling him that he was keeping an ex-President of the United States away from his place in the procession, the brawny patriot replied: "I don't give a damn if he's the President of heaven; he shan't squeeze my girl." The so-called ex-President was Mr. Hayes, of Ohio, who had been trying to force a passage through the crowd.

The "pious cuss" who is president of these United States by virtue of the fat fried out of another pious cuss and other fraudulent practices too numerous to mention, waited till 1 a. m. Monday to start with his family, members of the cabinet and others in a magnificent passenger train for Washington Centennial. The president is evidently one of the creatures who strains at a gnat and swallows a camel. —Interior Journal.

Pulaski county (almost as large as Texas) only has 928 delinquent tax-payers, and the Interior Journal remarks "that this is the class of cattle that gives the county her republican majority." Will not the pious editor of the republican resent this attack on the "faithful" of Pulaski?

Looter Tanner appears to be getting his hand in. There was an aggregate of 580 pension certificates issued from his office Monday. At this rate it will not take long to get all the boys on the list. —Courier Journal.

Let her go, Gallagher! We are getting some of it up here.

The first rebellion in the American Republic took place in Pennsylvania and was suppressed by President Washington. It is to be hoped that the Pennsylvanians in New York Monday endeavored to be more law-abiding than their ancestors.

The Oklahoma people have settled down to business. The expected fighting and bloodshed has not taken place. Several reports of killings, have not been verified.

Col. W. O'Bradley, Dr. Godfrey Hunter and Marshal Burchett held a secret political conference in this city Tuesday. —Louisville Post.

At Chicago, thirteen-year-old Charlie Howard shot and captured a burglar, drove another one away and recovered their booty.

One million dollars in gold have been ordered in New York for shipment to Europe.

Five murderers were Monday sentenced to be hung at St. Louis, on July 17.

The Samoan Conference held its first session Monday.

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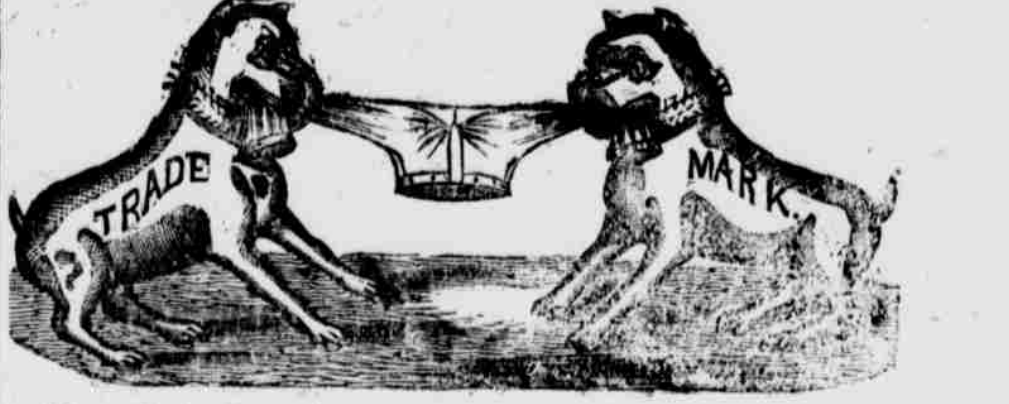
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